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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): M. KIGUCHI, et al
Serial No.: 10/046,249
Filed: January 16, 2002
For: OPTICAL APPARATUSES USING THE NEAR-FIELD LIGHT
Group: 2859
Examiner: G. Verbitsky

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 21, 2004

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the facsimile communication of today, in which the Examiner has forwarded an unofficial Office Action in which the Examiner has indicated "In light of the Amendment filed March 3, 2004, the finality of the Office action mailed to applicant on December 12, 2003 is hereby withdrawn and prosecution is re-open." It is noted that the Amendment was filed on March 18, 2004 and the Office Action was mailed on December 19, 2003, but in light of the Examiner's indication that the finality is withdrawn and prosecution is re-opened, applicants submit that applicants are not required to file any additional papers to maintain pendency of the above-identified application.

Applicants therefore await receipt of the "Official Office Action" reopening prosecution and setting forth new grounds of rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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